

Introduced by Senator Scott

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section 88532 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1590, as introduced, Scott. California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.

Existing law establishes, until January 1, 2008, the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program. Existing law provides for the awarding of grants for this program. Existing law provides that this program shall only be implemented during fiscal years for which funds are appropriated for these purposes. Existing law requires the board of governors, as part of the program, to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia, with regard to matters that include improving the quality of career exploration and career outreach materials.

This bill would additionally require the department to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia by identifying and disseminating best-practice models among program participants that have proven successful in achieving the goal of improving linkages and career-technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both educational systems.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 88532 of the Education Code is amended to read:

88532. (a) The board of governors shall assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia, including middle and junior high schools or high schools and regional occupational centers and programs, to improve linkages and career-technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both education systems. This assistance shall include all of the following:

(1) Expanding certificate programs in identified economic development program strategic priority areas.

(2) Aligning existing technical preparation programs and career-technical education curriculum between high schools and community colleges to more targeted industry-driven programs through the models consistent with economic and workforce development strategic priority areas.

(3) Promoting the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program's successful integration of business and emerging industries with career technical programs provided in high schools.

(4) Creating new articulated courses between high schools and community colleges and, where appropriate, four-year institutions.

(5) Accelerating education and training for those students who choose to be prepared for career and technical employment opportunities in less traditional and more expeditious methods while maintaining and or improving student competencies.

(6) Exploring new and more relevant career and technical practicum models that integrate coursework and student internship.

(7) Improving the quality of career exploration and career outreach materials.

(8) Disseminating materials and curriculum to all middle schools and senior high schools.

(9) *Identifying and disseminating best-practice models among program participants that have proven successful in achieving the goals outlined in this section.*

1 (b) The chancellor shall develop an implementation strategy
2 for the program objectives delineated in this section as a part of
3 the annual expenditure plan submitted to the advisory committee
4 for the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce
5 Development Program and the board of governors.

6 (c) This section shall be operative only in fiscal years for
7 which funds have been appropriated by the Legislature expressly
8 for the purposes of this section.

9 (d) The board of governors shall ensure that elementary and
10 secondary school educators strongly collaborate with college
11 faculty in implementing this section.